

Eastern Lebanon County School District School Health Services

ELCO school nurses provide care to students who are sick and injured during school hours. While we are here to help your child at school, our services are not a replacement for medical care from your child's primary care provider. It is important that your child continue to receive regular check-ups. Please keep your child's building nurse updated with any health issues they may be having.

Below you will find information about the school health services. If you have questions, contact the nurse in your child's school.

Screenings

Listed below are the screenings that occur in the school setting and their frequency. You will be notified of the results of screenings and recommendations for additional follow-up with your child's primary care physician.

Growth (height and weight)	Annually
Vision screening	Annually
Hearing screening	Grades K, 1, 2, 3, 7, & 11
Scoliosis screening	Grades 6 & 7

Administration of Medication

Parents/guardians have the primary responsibility for the health of their children. As a general rule, and if at all possible, medication should be taken at home. If a medication needs to be administered during the school day, the parent/guardian must provide written instructions from a licensed prescriber as well as the completed ELCO Medication Form. Certain non-prescription (over-the-counter) medications have been approved by the school physician to be dispensed with parent/guardian permission. Parents/guardians must complete the over-the-counter permission via the PowerSchool Parent Portal to approve nurse administration at school. Please contact the nurse in your child's building for more detailed procedures and requirements.

When should I keep my child home?

Children **may not** attend school if they exhibit any of the following:

- Temperature of 100.0 degrees or higher. *A student must be fever free for 24 hours (without medication) before he/she may return to school.*
- Has had one or more episode of vomiting or diarrhea within 24 hours before school. *A student must be vomit free for 24 hours before returning to school.*
- Contagious conditions such as strep throat, flu, pink eye, impetigo, scabies, or ringworm.
- If an antibiotic has been prescribed, students must be on the antibiotic for 24 hours before returning to school.

Requirements for Student Attendance

Parents/guardians will be reminded of all health-related requirements for school attendance at enrollment and on a regular basis. These requirements include dental exams in Kindergarten, 3rd and 7th grades, physical exams in Kindergarten, 6th and 11th grades, and specific vaccines for initial school entrance (typically Kindergarten), 7th, and 12th grades. While requirements allow for certain exemptions, students who are exempt may be excluded from school during an outbreak of a vaccine preventable disease. Please contact the nurse in your child's building with questions about immunizations or exams.